Helen Tolin, chief Physical Therapist at Miriam Hospital, aids Stanley Szymanski in getting off bus recently donated to hospital by Public Service Co. Others (left to right): Kay Sanders; Mrs. Maurice Mendle, chairman of the Board of Directors; Vernon Ingle; John Dameron, Public Service Co., and Hazel Beierey. For story, see page 3. (Photo courtesy Post-Dispatch)
Executive Director's Column

A trip through the Out-Patient Clinic reveals several alterations underway designed to improve its operation. They are temporary and improvised in nature, since the contemplated expansion program of the hospital, which is now in the planning stages, will include relocation and enlargement of Clinic facilities.

At the west end of the Clinic, alterations are in process to accommodate a new Fluoroscopy Room and to provide a toilet room for women patients.

Toward the east end, the large toilet room area will be converted to a physical therapy room equipped with arm and leg baths, short wave diathermy, ultra-violet lamp, shoulder wheel, stall bars, weights and pulleys, an exercise mat, and other essentials of a good physiotherapy department.

This activity will be under the direction of the professional staff of the Miriam Rehabilitation Hospital division of the Medical Center. It will be considerably enlarged, of course, when facilities are provided for transfer of the complete Miriam Hospital activity to the Kingshighway site.

We are studying the feasibility of moving the Medical Social Service division, now situated at the far east end of the clinic to rooms adjacent to the Medical Records Room and the Medical Library at the west end. If this can be done without extensive alteration, the space presently occupied by Social Service will be released for clinic examining rooms.

The administration and operation of the Out-Patient Clinic are being reorganized and will be described in a later column.

Personality of the month

Soft-hearted, soft-spoken Josie Brandla is a familiar sight to most of us, especially those living in the Nurses’ Residence. Josie’s chief responsibility is keeping the main floor of the Nurses’ Residence spic and span, but she is the one to whom everyone goes when they want something special done. When there are parties, teas, or special occasions, Josie is always willing to help.

Josie came to the Residence on May 19, 1932, “just to replace a friend who went on a month’s vacation.” That month has now stretched to 20 years, in which time she has seen many changes, both in activities and people.

Getting up at 4:15 a.m. every day seems a bit strenuous for most of us, but for Josie it is routine. The long bus ride from the county to work has never daunted her, and in the past 20 years she has been late only once. Even last winter, when the ice was almost impassable, she was absent only twice.

Since student nurse laundry is now delivered to the residence, Josie has become “First Vice-Chairman in Charge of Laundry” too. She likes this new job especially well because she is getting to know her “girls” better.
Divisional Patter

Fee Fee Frolics

The patients and their families enjoyed a Concert by the thirty-piece band of the Veterans of Foreign Wars one Sunday afternoon recently.

Success and best wishes to the new charge nurse of the Shoenberg division, Marie Meldrom.

Estelle Moore, after six years of service to our patients of the second floor division, is leaving our institution for the Institution of Marriage. Congratulations and best wishes.

Miriam Murmurs

The St. Louis Public Service Company has donated a bus to Miriam for retraining handicapped patients in public transportation techniques.

The bus, with a new coat of gray paint and boasting over 400,000 miles of service, was originally intended as a loan. However, the patients and staff were delightfully surprised to find that Mr. John C. Baine, president of PSC, made it a permanent gift.

The bus will not be driven, but will be used in the Aid to Daily Living Program of the hospital in teaching such procedures as getting on and off a bus, ringing the buzzer, putting money in the box, and other actions that seem insignificant to us but are important to these patients. The instruction will be especially beneficial to patients who have suffered from paraplegia, hemiplegia, fractures, arthritis, and polio.

Another valuable addition to our facilities, made available through the generosity of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Z. Salomon, is a scientifically-planned room to be used in speech therapy, vocational counseling, and social service.

A most welcome contribution made by Mrs. Louis Rothchild and Mrs. Harry Franc in honor of their mother, Mrs. Alice Ehrlich, will be used by the patients for parties and other recreational activities.

Social Service Signals

Mrs. Tillie Raymond, who resigned her position as stenographer after several years of work at the Bureau, was entertained at lunch by the staff.

We have four new chairs in our waiting room, and patients seem as pleased as we are with their comfort and attractiveness.

Miss Geraldine Conner has been on vacation this month and has taken several side trips from St. Louis. Since photography is her hobby, we hope to see some good pictures on her return.

At Last

The main passenger elevator, last of the four to be renovated, is finally in operation again.
The diagnosis of disease is a cooperative affair in which the physician’s own knowledge and experience is augmented and substantiated by certain ancillary services rendered by the hospital.

Among these services are those rendered by the clinical laboratories, which are equipped to perform tests in every field of scientific medicine. Over a quarter of a million tests for diagnostic and research purposes were performed in these laboratories in 1951.

**Butch in Charge**

The Department of Laboratories has three divisions: tissue pathology, clinical pathology, and research. Tissue pathology includes gross and microscopic examinations of body tissues removed at operations and autopsies. Clinical pathology includes examination of blood, urine, spinal fluid and other body fluids for chemical and cellular constituents, bacteria, parasites, and gases. In the research division, investigation is being conducted in cancer, embryonal growth, metabolism of the aging process, and pancreatitis.

In charge of these operations is Dr. Herman Blumenthal (otherwise known as Butch or George) whose office is completely surrounded by microscope slide boxes and visiting physicians. This office, tucked into the far recesses of the pathology laboratory, is the scene of all types of local, national, and international politics and intrigues.

Assisting Dr. Blumenthal in pathology, but not in politics, are Drs. Nuchim Elbert and Martin Bergman. The chemistry laboratory is under the direction of Dr. Michael Somogyi. Serology and Bacteriology are supervised by Dr. Moyer Fleisher, while Dr. Harry Agress serves as Hematologist.

**First in Youth**

Actually performing the many tests are the laboratory technicians. They require special training and many of them have studied in the six month educational program given by the laboratory. As an age group, they are probably the youngest of
Research, Add Dash of Romance

any in the hospital. Even old timers like Dorothy Kessler, Jackie Bergman, and Wilda Mae Ulery have a long way to go before they reach the “Life Begins At” point.

Zoo Parade

When cartoonists depict laboratories, there is always an array of complicated instruments. The north end of the third floor is no exception, with its maze of glass tubing, centrifuges, and water baths. More spectacular are the auto-technicon for dehydrating tissues, the flame photometer, and the newly acquired panphot used for taking pictures of microscopic objects.

The laboratory is also noted for its zoo which has recently moved to larger quarters on the ground floor. There rabbits, dogs, guinea pigs, hamsters, rats, and mice are cared for by George Adams, official Biener for the labs. In addition to new animal quarters, a room for animal surgery is now under construction. This will permit special surgical training techniques for members of the House Staff.

Research Vs. Romance

Next to being a disseminating point of scientific knowledge, the laboratory is most successful in being a romance center, with

Research in Embryonal Growth is being conducted by Dr. Tung Yu Wang and his wife, Dr. Mei Wang. Aiding them are Dolores Rubin and Nelle Sicher.

Dr. Blumenthal acting as a combination chief shadchin and Marryin’ Sam. Percentage-wise, more interns marry lab technicians than any other group of young ladies in the hospital. This statement may be challenged by the Nursing Department which has also done pretty well.

Whether it be research or romance, investigation or intrigue, the laboratories make a valuable contribution to the hospital and community.

Lois Stein does blood analysis tests with the flame photometer.
WARDS AND CORRIDORS

Nursing Notes

The next Board of Education Practical Nurse Alumnae meeting will be Monday, Sept. 8, at the Y.W.C.A. All members are urged to be present.

Nice to see Eileen Gregson (28) back after her recent illness.

Marriages:
Joyce Stuart (Head Nurse – 4C) to Mr. Paul Walwick, Saturday, Aug. 9.
Laverne Behlke (Head Nurse, Ped.) to Mr. Paul Wendling, Sept. 7th.

Dietary Doings

The department welcomed back its head, Miss Helen Latta, who returned from a month’s vacation at her home in Holton, Kansas.

Wedding bells rang out Saturday, July 26, for Leonard Wright and Nadean Brown. Our best wishes to them.

Helen Tillewein, who was employed in the Kosher Kitchen, passed away July 9, 1952, in Jewish Hospital. Her family wishes to thank her friends at the hospital who sent beautiful bouquets.

On Record

Alice Rodgers of the Medical Record Department has announced her engagement to Pat Doyle, a senior in the Engineering Department at Washington University.

Plans for a Thanksgiving wedding are under way.

Pediatrics

On July 22, the Community Chest took motion pictures in Pediatric Clinic and also on the Pediatric Division. The film is to be used by the Chest in their forthcoming fund drive.

Administrative Analysis

It is with deep regret that we are losing Mrs. Clinton, who has been a gracious member of the Admitting Department for five years. She is retiring to enjoy a more leisurely life but we expect she will still wake up at 5 a.m. thinking of those patients for whom there just won't be rooms that day!

Mr. Paul R. Wozniak, Auditor in the Business Office, returned from an institute on Hospital Accounting held at Indiana University. While there he was presented with the charter for the Greater St. Louis Hospital Accounts Society, a chapter of the American Association of Hospital Accountants.

Staff Rounds

Larry Kotner writes from Florida where he and Selma and the two youngsters are soaking in the sunshine and the sea breezes. Sam Schechter and Gerhard Gruenfeld have come back from the east coast looking fit as a fiddle.

We’re happy to report the engagement of Miss Janice Cohen of Duluth, Minnesota to our one and only Dr. Sidney Goldenberg. The best of wishes and congratulations.

Clinic Capers

Edna Korf, R.N., Instructor in Public Health Nursing, is making her headquarters in the clinic while learning the ropes.

Stork showers are in order for Mattie Baskin, clerk; and Faye Tarrant, R.N. They'll be leaving us in favor of a more domestic endeavor.

Flowers and get-well wishes to Fern Studnicki, R.N., who was operated on in our hospital July 22nd.

We welcome two new members to our clinic staff — Judy Gall, clerk and Alice Prelec, R.N.
Recent Donations to Jewish Hospital

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In memory of:

- Birth of Lesser Goldman
- Mrs. M. J. Flarsheim
- Mr. & Mrs. Fred Arnstein
- Mr. & Mrs. J. Sydney Saiky
- Mrs. T. G. Ackerman

Hospital Receives Bequests

A check in the amount of $75,000 has been received from the estate of Hattie Waldheim, as a contribution to the Building Fund of the Hospital.

It has also been announced that the hospital has been made a legatee of two-fifths of the residual estate of Berthold Price, which is expected to amount to approximately $200,000.

Dr. J. G. Probststein (right) honors Mr. Morton May's 70th birthday by presenting him with Volume II of the reprints of work performed under the Florence May and David May Research Fund.
Turn Those Ideas Into Cash

Now you can change hot brain waves into cold cash. “Suggestion boxes” have been posted at each cafeteria entrance. Cash awards of $5, $3, and $1 will be given each month for the suggestions judged best by the Personnel Advisory Committee. For full details, pick up a suggestion blank the next time you pass one of the boxes. Your idea or suggestion may completely transform the hospital (!) and also pay you cash. All hospital employees are eligible.